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Merrill Lynch and WestLB Panmure Launch Certificates Based on the Dow Jones STOXX Sustainability Indexes

Merrill Lynch and WestLB Panmure launched the first structured products based on the Dow Jones STOXX Sustainability Indexes. The two certificates enable investors to track the performance of Europe's sustainability leaders.

"We are proud that Merrill Lynch and WestLB Panmure have chosen the DJSI STOXX series for their new offerings. The addition of these two companies to our list of licensees is a case in point for the growing interest in the DJSI family in general and our European sustainability benchmarks in particular", says **Alexander Barkawi, Managing Director, SAM Indexes.**

The certificate of Merrill Lynch will track a subset of 50 stocks out of the pan-European Dow Jones STOXX Sustainability Index (DJSI STOXX). "With the growing impact of environmental and social trends on competitiveness, sustainability has moved up the agenda of companies and investors alike. The launch of this new product reflects this development. It enables investors to track the performance of 50 companies which lead their market sector in terms of sustainability, explains **Filip Matic, Product Manager at Merrill Lynch.**

WestLB Panmure's certificate is based on the performance of the DJSI EURO STOXX which includes the sustainability leaders in the Euro-zone. "As intangible assets such as brands, knowledge and relationships become increasingly important, the analysis of non-financial criteria is key to market performance. We have taken a close look at this development in a recent study titled "From Economics to Sustainomics" and we are delighted that we now offer clients a financial product to integrate these insights.", adds **Dr Hendrik Garz, Director and Pan-European Equity Strategist at WestLB Panmure.**

Note to the editor:

Launched in 1999, the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes are the world's first global indexes tracking the financial performance of the leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide. The DJSI World family covers the top 10% of the biggest 2,500 companies in the Dow Jones Global Index in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria. As a benchmark for European sustainability investments, the DJSI STOXX family covers the leading 20% in terms of sustainability of the companies in the Dow Jones STOXXSM 600 index. The selection of index components follows a rule-based process defined in the DJSI Guidebooks and is verified externally. Full details about the design philosophy, review methodology and index components are freely available at www.sustainability-indexes.com.

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